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ELIGIBILITY:

This event is open to all athletes who fall within the age divisions listed below. Athletes in age ranges 13-18 years old may enter up to a maximum of four events. Athletes that are 12 and younger (based on year of birth) may participate in a maximum of three events whilst still qualifying to compete on a relay as a fourth option. If an athlete is entered into more events than he or she qualifies for, the Meet Director reserves the right to reject the athlete from one or more events without notification.

AGE DIVISIONS (*Determined by year of birth*):

AGE DIVISION	GENDER	YEAR OF BIRTH	# OF EVENTS	RELAY AS A 4 TH
6 & Under	Girls/Boys	Born 2019 and later	3	Yes
7 Years old	Girls/Boys	Born 2018	3	Yes
8 Years old	Girls/Boys	Born 2017	3	Yes
9 Years-old	Girls/Boys	Born 2016	3	Yes
10 Years-old	Girls/Boys	Born 2015	3	Yes
11 Years-old	Girls/Boys	Born 2014	3	Yes
12 Years-old	Girls/Boys	Born 2013	3	Yes
13 Years-old	Girls/Boys	Born 2012	4	No
14 Years-old	Girls/Boys	Born 2011	4	No
15-16 Year-old	Girls/Boys	Born 2010-2009	4	No
17-18 Year-old	Girls/Boys	Born 2008-2007	4	No

FAIR PLAY

If it is determined that an athlete knowingly competed in the wrong age group, they will be barred from participating in Speed Capital competitions for a full 12 months from the date of the incident—without exception. To maintain the integrity of our events, we reserve the right to request birth certificates before distributing awards if an athlete's age is contested. This policy is enforced to ensure fair competition for all participants.

SEED TIMES

When entering seed times, it is important to remember that while some athletes achieve marks that far exceed the norm for their age groups, these cases are rare. As such, please be diligent and accurate when submitting seed times. If an entry appears questionable, you will be required to provide supporting documentation. Failure to do so may result in the athlete being seeded with a NM (No Mark) or NT (No Time) for their event. We apologize if this policy causes any inconvenience, but our primary responsibility is to ensure fairness and integrity for all Parents, Athletes, Coaches, and Clubs participating in our events.

MEET ENTRY FEE:

Registration for Track & Field events is set at \$40.00 per athlete. To ensure your athlete's participation, **all entry fees must be paid online and are strictly non-refundable**. Please be aware that meet entries will not be processed unless the registration fee is fully paid by the specified deadline. We accept all major credit cards for online payments. **Please note that personal checks are not accepted under any circumstances**. Adhering to these payment guidelines is crucial to secure your athlete's spot in the competition.

SPECTATOR PASSES

The standard admission fee for spectator tickets is \$20.00 for a day pass and \$35.00 for a weekend pass for two-day events. For single-day events, the admission fee is \$15.00 if purchased online prior to meet day, or \$20.00 at the gate on the day of the event.

Please be aware that Speed Capital events are completely cash-free. All spectator tickets must be purchased online at www.fuml.net. We highly recommend purchasing spectator passes in advance online to eliminate wait times at the stadium entrance and to reduce any safety risks associated with cash transactions.

Key Points to Remember:

- Every athlete must have their assigned competition bib to gain entry to the stadium; if not, a spectator pass will need to be purchased.
- Children aged 4 and under are admitted free of charge.
- Parking fees, where applicable, are \$5.00 per day or \$10.00 for the weekend.

Adhering to these guidelines will ensure a seamless and safe experience for all attendees.

COACHES PASSES

Club coaches will receive one armband for every 10 athletes, with a maximum allocation of five armbands per club. **Please note:** Parents of unattached athletes are required to purchase a spectator ticket, which can be exchanged for a coaching band. This coaching band grants access to both the field and track areas.

Key Instructions:

- Ensure that armbands are distributed in accordance with the athlete-to-coach ratio to maintain fairness and order.
- Parents of unattached athletes must secure their coaching band by exchanging their spectator ticket, as this is the only way to gain field and track access.

ENTRY PROCESS

All teams and unattached athletes are required to use the online entry process available at www.SpeedCapital.com.

Please ensure that you complete your registration through this platform to secure your participation.

Important Instructions:

- Immediately upon completing your online registration, you will receive a confirmation receipt from the website. This receipt will list all athletes entered into the event.

- **This receipt serves as your official transcript of meet entries.** If an athlete does not appear on the confirmation page, they are **not** registered for the event.

ATHLETE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Registration will close promptly at 11:59 PM on the Wednesday night preceding the meet. In previous events, we accommodated same-day registrations; however, this practice has led to significant issues, including errors, delays, and a decline in the overall efficiency of the meet. **To uphold the quality and timeliness of our events, same-day registrations will no longer be accepted—no exceptions.**

It is imperative that all registrations are completed before the deadline to secure your athlete's spot in the competition and to ensure a seamless and well-organized event for everyone involved.

PACKET PICK-UP

Coaches and parents of unattached athletes can pick up their athlete packets at the track facility on the morning of the event, starting at 7:00 AM. **Please ensure you arrive early** to collect your packets promptly, as this will help facilitate a smooth start to the day's events.

BIB REPLACEMENT FEE

The fee for lost athlete bibs is \$10.00; please contact the Meet Director onsite to obtain a new bib

MEET AWARDS

In individual and relay events, medals will be presented to the top 3 finishers

INDIVIDUAL MVPS

A total of 26 individual MVPs will be selected by our MVP committee, which will comprise 2 SC representatives and 3 coaches from participating clubs. MVP selections will be based on total points earned, the level of competition, and PR/National record benchmarks. The following age categories will be used to determine the male and female winners respectively: 6U, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15-16, 17-18, Male/Female Field MVP (12U), and Male/Female Field MVP (13 & up).

Criteria for Selection:

- **Points System:** Winners will primarily be determined by the total points earned, with 10 points awarded for first place, 8 points for second place, and 6 points for third place.
- **Level of Competition:** The committee will evaluate the strength and competitiveness of the field in which the athlete competed.
- **Degree of Difficulty:** Consideration will also be given to the overall challenge faced by the athlete in their respective events.

Important Note: The selection process is **not** based solely on the total points earned; this is merely the first stage of evaluation. There may be cases where an athlete who scores higher points may not be selected as MVP if the level of competition they faced was not sufficiently strong. For example, if an athlete competes in the 1500M against one competitor and earns gold (10 points), while another athlete competes in the 800M against 15 competitors and earns

silver (8 points), the committee is likely to favor the latter due to the higher degree of difficulty and stronger competition.

The MVP selection process is designed to ensure that the most deserving athletes are recognized, taking into account not just their results, but the context and challenges of their performances.

PROTESTS

Protests regarding the status or eligibility of any competitor must be submitted to the Meet Director or Referee during the meet. Protests related to issues that arise during the conduct of the meet must be made to the Referee immediately, and in any case, no later than 30 minutes after the result has been announced.

Key Guidelines for Filing Protests:

- **Submission:** Protests must be filed in writing and presented to the Meet Director or Referee.
- **Deposit:** A cash deposit of \$75.00 must accompany the written protest.
- **Review Process:** The Referee will consider all available official evidence before rendering a decision. If the protest is denied, the cash deposit will be forfeited.

Right of Appeal: If the Referee's decision is contested, there is a right of appeal to the Jury of Appeals. **The decision of the Jury of Appeals is final.**

Important Note: Protests concerning judgment calls will not be accepted. All protests should be based on clear, objective issues related to eligibility or procedural matters. These procedures ensure that all concerns are addressed fairly and efficiently, maintaining the integrity of the competition.

COMPETITION

All running events will begin promptly at the designated times listed in the schedule. Once the events commence, they will operate on a rolling schedule. **It is crucial to listen closely to announcements:** athletes who do not check in before their scheduled heat will be scratched from the event.

Check-In Procedures:

- **Running Events:** Athletes must check in before their heat is run. Failure to do so will result in being scratched from the event.
- **Field Events:** Athletes must check in before their designated flight begins. Those who do not check in on time will be scratched from the event.

Field Event Conflicts:

- Field Event athletes with a running event conflict will be released by the Field Event Official only at the appropriate time.
- Athletes will have 10 minutes to report back to their Field Event after their running event concludes. If the event has closed upon their return, the athlete will have forfeited any remaining attempts.
- High Jump: Please note, **the bar does not come down** for athletes returning from a running event.

Coaches: Encourage your athletes to take all attempts in their Field Event before leaving for a running event to avoid forfeiting their remaining attempts.

These guidelines are in place to ensure that the meet runs smoothly and efficiently, and that all athletes have a fair opportunity to compete in their events.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE

There is a growing concern among facilities throughout Florida regarding the acceptance of youth events, primarily due to the condition in which venues are often left after these events conclude. To address this issue proactively, Speed Capital is implementing a mandatory “5-Minute Clean-Up Period” on two occasions per meet.

- During this time, **parents and coaches are asked to instruct their athletes** to clean up their surrounding areas, ensuring that all trash and debris are properly disposed of.

This initiative is critical to maintaining positive relationships with the facilities that host our events, helping to ensure that we are welcomed back in the future. Your cooperation is essential in keeping these venues in good condition and allowing us to continue hosting events for years to come. **Thank you for your understanding and support in this effort.**

YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

Speed Capital is a strong advocate for entrepreneurship and is committed to supporting our youth athletes in promoting their products to their peers. To this end, we are excited to offer one free vending slot at each Speed Capital Invitational specifically for participating athletes who are embarking on a business venture.

Key Details:

- **Vending Slot:** This opportunity is offered **free of charge** to encourage young entrepreneurs.
- **Availability:** Only one slot is available per event, and it will be allocated on a **first-come, first-served basis**.

Important Reminder: Given the limited availability, we encourage interested athletes to be prompt in reserving their slot. This is a unique chance to showcase your business, so please be mindful and act quickly to secure your reservation. We look forward to supporting our young entrepreneurs and helping them share their ventures with the Speed Capital community.

NOTABLE AMENDMENTS

- **Relay Teams:** Each team is allowed to enter up to **three (3) relay teams per age division** for both boys and girls.
- **Field Events (Long Jump):** In cases where the venue has only one long jump pit, entries for that event will be **capped at 32 athletes per division**—16 girls and 16 boys. Entry is based on a first-come, first-served basis, determined by the order of registration and payment.
- **Field Event Attempts:** All field events will be contested with **three (3) attempts** per athlete, with the exception of the High Jump, which will follow standard competition rules.

These guidelines are designed to ensure a fair and efficient competition for all athletes involved. Please plan and register accordingly to secure your spot in these events.